

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. GOODLATTE). Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Colorado?

There was no objection.

PERMISSION FOR PERMANENT SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE TO FILE REPORT ON H.R. 4628, INTELLIGENCE AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2003

Mr. GOSS. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence may have until midnight tonight, July, 18, 2002, to file a report on the bill, H.R. 4628, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2003 for intelligence and intelligence-related activities of the United States Government, community management account, the Central Intelligence Agency retirement and disability system, and for other purposes.

It is my expectation, Mr. Speaker, that the committee will file H.R. 4628 a little later today. Once the committee has filed the bill, I invite and encourage Members to come to H-405 in the Capitol to review the classified annex and allow committee staff to explain the provisions or answer any questions they may have about the bill.

This opportunity is offered to any Member of the House. It does not include staff. Members will be asked to sign the customary nondisclosure agreement prior to access to any classified annex. That is the routine. It has worked well over the years.

Members may call Mr. Bill McFarland of the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, the committee staff director of security, if they would like to review this material.

Ms. PELOSI. Mr. Speaker, will the gentleman yield?

Mr. GOSS. I yield to the gentlewoman from California.

Ms. PELOSI. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman. I support the request for us to hear the bill, but could the gentleman tell the Members how long that privilege to go upstairs to room 405 to review the bill will last until.

Mr. GOSS. Mr. Speaker, I believe the answer to that question is until we take up the rule, and that will probably be later next week. So it should be a couple of days next week.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Florida?

There was no objection.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. NADLER. Mr. Speaker, I was unable to be present for rollcall votes 296 through 318. Had I been present, I would have voted "aye" on rollcall votes 296, 297, 298, 299, 300, 301, 304, 308, 309, 310, 311, 312, 313, 315, 316 and 318. I would have voted "no" on rollcall votes 302, 303, 305, 306, 307, 314 and 317.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. HOLT. Mr. Speaker, I was absent from the House on July 9 because of a personal emergency, a house fire, and was unable to vote. Had I been present, I would have voted "yes" on rollcall votes 285, 286 and 287.

Also, Mr. Speaker, I was unable to vote for rollcall vote 311. Had I been able to vote, I would have voted "yes" on rollcall No. 311.

LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM

(Ms. PELOSI asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. PELOSI. Mr. Speaker, I rise for the purpose of determining the schedule for next week, and I am pleased to yield to the distinguished majority leader.

Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Speaker, will the gentlewoman yield?

Ms. PELOSI. I yield to the gentleman from Texas.

Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentlewoman for yielding; and Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to announce that the House has completed its legislative business for the week.

The House will next meet for legislative business on Monday, July 22 at 12:30 p.m. for morning hour and 2 o'clock p.m. for legislative business. I will schedule a number of measures under suspension of the rules, a list of which will be distributed to Members' offices tomorrow. Recorded votes on Monday will be postponed until 6:30 p.m.

On Tuesday and the balance of the week, I have scheduled the following measures for consideration in the House.

For Tuesday, H.J. Res. 101, disapproving the extension of the trade act waiver authority with respect to Vietnam; on Tuesday, H.R. 5117, the Defense and Homeland Security Supplemental Appropriations Act Conference Report; and on Tuesday, complete consideration for H.R. 5120, the Treasury and Postal Operations Appropriations Act.

Mr. Speaker, on Wednesday, we would expect to do H.R. 4965, the Partial Birth Abortion Ban Act of 2002. We would also expect on Wednesday to do, or possibly Thursday to do, H.R. 4628, the Intelligence Authorization Act, and on Wednesday, we would expect to begin consideration of H.R. 5005, the Homeland Security Act of 2002.

I would like to thank the gentlewoman for yielding.

Ms. PELOSI. Mr. Speaker, reclaiming my time, I thank the distinguished gentleman. I just want to clarify certain things.

On Tuesday, Vietnam, the supplemental Treasury-Postal. On Wednesday, late-term abortion, intelligence and beginning of the Homeland Security Act.

What will be the procedure for the consideration of the homeland security legislation?

Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Speaker, if the gentlewoman would continue to yield, I thank the gentlewoman again for her inquiry. It would be our suggestion that pursuant to the colloquy that the gentlewoman and I had earlier related to the agreement between the Speaker and the minority leader to propose a rule to the Committee on Rules, it would be my hope that they could make their proposal in such time that the Committee on Rules could meet on Tuesday evening and issue a rule for consideration of that bill, that I would anticipate to be a fairly open rule.

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And that having that rule for consideration and available on Wednesday, it would be my expectation that we could then have some way of measuring the coordination of the bill, but to have ample time on Wednesday, Thursday and even Friday, if it is necessary, to consider that bill and any amendments proposed thereto.

Ms. PELOSI. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to hear the gentleman say that he anticipates that the rule will be an open rule so that we can have a debate on many of the issues of concern of many Members here on both sides of the aisle.

Mr. ARMEY. Let me just remind the gentlewoman, according to our colloquy, that this would be a proposal made to the Committee on Rules by the Speaker and the minority leader. I, for one, would not deign to speak for them. They clearly will speak for themselves. But that is my anticipation; that it would be one that would be more on the open side.

Ms. PELOSI. Mr. Speaker, as one who engaged in the colloquy at the time of consideration of our select committee, the anticipation was that the Speaker and the minority leader would agree to an open rule, and I look forward to that discussion.

Does the gentleman anticipate late nights next week? It sounds like it from this schedule, but I did not know if the gentleman had any insights he could share with us about the scheduling.

Mr. ARMEY. I thank the gentlewoman for her inquiry, and I especially want to say I appreciate the gentlewoman from California for all the late nights she has already worked this week. Unfortunately, I would have to advise the gentlewoman and the body that we should expect to work late nights Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday of next week.

Ms. PELOSI. Now, Mr. Leader, will we be perhaps working on Saturday of next week as well?

Mr. ARMEY. I thank the gentlewoman, and, again, if the gentlewoman will continue to yield, it is my most fervent hope not. But, obviously, the week before a recess period, a week that has under consideration extremely important work that will be of interest to the entire body, is a week in which we must recognize that possibility.